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SUBJ: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS: NEXT STEPS

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1. DURING MY PRIVATE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS LAST NIGHT I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD YET RECEIVED ANY REACTION FROM ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TO THE GOG-DRAFT SET OF COUNTER-PROPOSALS FOR THE GREEK SIDE TO MAKE TO THE TURKS (REFTEL). BITSIOS SAID THAT HE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY CONSIDERED REACTION FROM MAKARIOS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS FURTHER WITH CARAMANLIS AND THEY HAD DECIDED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT PRESS MAKARIOS OR HURRY HIM IN ANY WAY ON THE MATTER. THE GREEK RESPONSE AND COUNTERPROPOSALS TO THE TURKS WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT STEP, BITSIOS SAID, AND THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT MAKARIOS WAS FULLY ABOARD AND WERE PREPARED TO LET HIM "PONDER" THEM AS LONG AS NECESSARY IN THE INTERIM.

2. IN ANY CASE, BITSIOS SAID IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR RELATED DISCUSSION ON THE CYPRUS DEBATE IN THE UNGA (ATHENS 9022), IT HAD BEEN AGREED WITH MAKARIOS THAT NO RESPONSE WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE TURKS UNTIL THE UNGA CONSIDERATION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE HAD TERMINATED AND THE GREEK AND CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK
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HAD RETURNED TO ATHENS AND NICOSIA FOR FINAL IN-HOUSE

CONSULTATIONS. THIS MEANT THAT SOME ADDITIONAL DAYS WILL
PASS BEFORE THE GREEK SIDE WILL BE READY TO
COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH THE TURKS ABOUT RESUMING THE
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND OTHER SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF A
CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. KUBISCH

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